

DOCTOR · WHO

A DELICATE OPERATION

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HERE WE ARE
THEN. ALMOST AT
THE HEART OF
THE PROBLEM.

NOT ONE OF
YOUR BEST
JOKES, DOCTOR.

YOU SURE
YOU KNOW
WHERE WE'RE
GOING?

TRUST
ME, I'M A
DOCTOR.

MY GUESS
IS IT'S
THAT WAY.

GUESS?
SOME DOCTOR
YOU ARE...

DEFINITELY THIS
WAY. THIS SHOULD
BRING US OUT...

...EXACTLY
WHERE
WE WANT
TO BE.

SPEAK FOR
YOURSELF.

YOU'VE NEVER
BEEN ONE FOR A
QUIET NIGHT IN
WITH THE TELLY,
HAVE YOU?

IT'S FEEDING
OFF THE
CHAMBER WALL.

THE FIRST THING
WE'VE GOT
TO DO IS TO
DISCONNECT IT.

DOCTOR!
LOOK!

THEY'RE DISGUSTING
- WHAT ARE THEY?

IS THAT ALL?
EASY-PEASY
THEN.

IT'S LIKE
TRYING TO
GET THROUGH
A CAR TYRE
WITH A TOOTH
PICK.

WHOOSH!

DON'T WORRY,
THEY'RE ON
OUR SIDE.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE
KICK-STARTED THE
IMMUNE SYSTEM.

I THOUGHT YOU
SAID THEY WERE
ON OUR SIDE!

THE GROWTH MUST
BE CONFUSING THEM.
THEY THINK WE'RE THE
BAD GUYS!

THERE'S
TOO MANY
OF THEM!

AND THEY'RE
GOING TO
KEEP COMING
AS LONG AS
WE'RE HERE.

GLOOP!





SSSHHH. IT *IS*
WORKING. CAN'T
YOU FEEL THOSE
VIBRATIONS?



IT'S...
GETTING...
WORSE...



...FEELS
LIKE IT'S
GOING TO...



FEEHWHOOPI!

...BLOW!

EEEEEEOOOOOWWWWW



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HAPPENS NEXT
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A MIRACLE, YOUR HIGHNESS! WHATEVER THE FOREIGN ORGANISM IS, IT SEEMS TO HAVE COMPLETELY CURED THE QUEEN! THE QUEEN SVELNA IS SAVED!

BUT WHAT IS IT? SOME SORT OF MUTATION? A VIRUS?

WE'RE COMMENCING THE REMOVAL PROCESS NOW, YOUR HIGHNESS.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXAMINE THE MICRO-ORGANISM YOURSELF SHORTLY.

INCREDIBLE! IT'S ALMOST SVELNOID! AND SENTIENT!

LATER, WHEN THE QUEEN HAS RECOVERED...

WELL I AM
A DOCTOR...
THE DOCTOR,
ACTUALLY.

I'M GUESSING THIS
MEANS YOU'LL BE WELL
ENOUGH TO SIGN THE
INTER-GALACTIC PEACE
TREATY NOW AND HEAD
OFF A COUPLE OF
CENTURIES OF PRETTY
POINTLESS WAR?

YOU KNOW
OF THE
TREATY?

I KNOW YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE SMART
ENOUGH TO
MAKE IT WORK.

WHY DOCTOR,
FIRST YOU
SAVE MY LIFE,
NOW SUCH
FLATTERY...

THE THRONE IS
NEED OF A ROYAL
CONSORT. SOMEONE
TO RULE BY MY
SIDE...

SOMEONE
NOBLE, WISE AND
COURAGEOUS,
SOMEONE WITH AN
ELEGANCE OF DRESS
AND DEMEANOUR...

STRANGERS, THE
HOUSE OF SVELNA
OWES YOU A GREAT
DEBT OF THANKS.
YOU HAVE SAVED
ME, THEIR QUEEN
FROM AN ILLNESS MY
SURGEONS BELIEVED
INCURABLE.



YOU ARE
SO IN
THERE!

I'M FLATTERED,
YOUR MAJESTY,
BUT I'M NOT THE
MARRYING KIND.

BESIDES, I'VE GOT
TO LOOK AFTER
THIS ONE. SHE
CAN'T EVEN PICK
OUT A DECENT
PAIR OF SHOES
WITHOUT ME.

SHE NOT YOUR
TYPE THEN?

SHE WAS
VERY NICE
- IT WOULD
NEVER HAVE
WORKED OUT
THOUGH...

I THINK THE
SIZE THING
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN A BIT OF
AN ISSUE.



WE COULD HAVE WORKED
THAT OUT. TROUBLE WITH
SVELNANS THOUGH - GREAT
DIPLOMATS, VERY PEACEFUL
PEOPLE - BUT TERRIBLE
CHEATS AT TIDDLYWINKS. I
CAN'T STAND THAT.

NEXT ISSUE: MORE DANGER AWAITS!